

ACMEs — states' voice for military education

As with marriage laws, speed limits, and lotteries, each state creates their own education policies and codes. Educational issues affecting Service members and their dependents vary significantly when crossing state lines. Advisory Councils on Military Education, (ACMEs) exist to serve the

educational needs of the military community who reside within their state.

Originally founded in the 1970s in military-prominent states like California, Florida, and Texas, ACMEs now operate in 10 states; three to four states plan to stand up an ACME this year, and several others are exploring how they might generate organizational interest.

The recent Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) Symposium in San Francisco, Calif., provided the 2008 venue for ACME conferencing and professional networking. CCME hosted a General ACME Session moderated by Gary A. Woods, Director, Educational Opportunities, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (P&R) (MC&FP).

The robust ACME agenda also featured a session on "How to Start an ACME," six state/regional ACME meetings, an ACME Presidents' Reception, and annual business meeting. Billy Wells Jr. of the Georgia ACME (OMEGA) was named the 2009 ACME Presidents' Representative to the CCME Board. Wells succeeds 2008 liaison, Debbie Wiggins of the FL-ACME.

Woods, who was "impressed and delighted" with the ACME turnout at CCME

expressed, "This was a great way to initiate the ACMEs' formal linkage with CCME." This linkage, initiated

organizations." In a Memorandum of Agreement, states agree to "be responsible for organizing" and to meet annually within the state to "elect officers, establish, deliberate and pursue an annual agenda supportive of the educational needs of military personnel and their families stationed within the applicable state." To this end, they "strive to keep relevant constituencies and serviced populations involved in pursuit of resolutions to issues identified."

In Colorado, former State Rep. Dorothy Gotlieb serves as current ACME President. Gotlieb is quick to point out that working with groups on Education Centers, severely injured, and legislative issues – any success CO-ACME has enjoyed is credited to the commitment shared by its members. "I never turn away a volunteer," she remarked with a smile.

Carol Berry, Virginia ACME President, also shared successful strategies at CCME. VA-ACME, whose membership has nearly tripled since organizing only two years ago, is proud that Virginia recently passed a bill providing in-state tuition for military dependents. Other ACMEs, like the Council on Military Education in Texas and the South (COMETS) provide support by sponsoring scholarships or by establishing endowments.

For more information on ACMEs, call DANTES at (850) 452-1111 ext. 3126. Also, find state ACME links on the DANTES Web site, under Outreach/Resources at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>.

ACME

....a strong ACME creates strong influence in state legislatures or simply in military homes—leverage that directly benefits our military members and their families.

in July 2006, assures that ACMEs remain "autonomous state

Testing Calendar

April 2008

13-20 GRE Subject *
18 ECE Extended Response
(Essay) Exams
26-30 Praxis *

May 2008

8, 13, 15 ASE CONUS
13, 14, 15 ASE OVERSEAS
(Registration deadline: March 24)

June 2008

20 ECE Extended Response
(Essay) Exams

July 2008

26-30 Praxis *

August 2008

15 ECE Extended Response
(Essay) Exams

Notes:

Overseas test centers send orders six weeks before the test date. CONUS test centers send orders four weeks before the test date. Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

*Select only one test date from the published period for DANTES testing and specify that date on the order form.

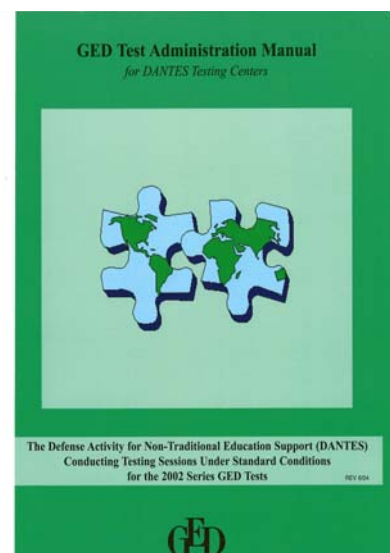
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GED Test Administration Manual

The *GED Test Administration Manual for the 2002 Series GED Tests* is moving to online only. Test Control Officers and Alternate Test Control Officers may download and save the file to their hard drive or print a copy. It is located in the password-protected DANTES EMIS Web site. During the change over, test centers may receive paper copies of the manual from GED Testing Service. However, when the paper copies are exhausted, it will be online only.



LCC-ST is now NBSTSA

The *Liaison Council on Certification for the Surgical Technologist* (LCC-ST) has changed their name to *The National Board on Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting* (NBSTSA). NBSTSA allows Test Control Officers to administer their exams at base education centers using a paper delivery format. However, NBSTSA also offers their exams at various national centers in computer-based testing format.

For more information on NBSTSA, go to <http://www.nbstsa.org>.

National Calendar of Certification programs update

The *National Calendar of Certification Programs* is online again. You can find the information on the DANTES Web site: [http://
www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/certification/calendar.htm](http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/certification/calendar.htm).

The DANTES Certification/Credentialing Programs office has currently updated approximately 20 credentialing associations who offer tests that military members take at base education centers, national on-base centers, and national locations in cities and towns that may be near bases. We will continue updating *The National Calendar of Certification (Credentialing) Programs* until all information is current. Should anyone need cost, test dates, or registration deadlines for upcoming credentialing tests, contact the DANTES Credentialing Program at certprog@navy.mil or call DSN 922-1111 ext. 3213/3194 or CML (850) 452-1111 ext. 3213/3194.

STUDENT

FIREFIGHTER

RESERVIST

Serving his country.
Serving his community.
Studying in school.



Air pack. Check. Bunker gear. Check. Thermal imaging camera. Check. School books. Check.

Lt. Dominick Landolfi, 41, of the Melbourne, Fla. Fire Department wears many hats. In addition to his 23 years as a career firefighter, he has been in the Air Force Reserves for 24 years and is a senior master sergeant assigned to Moody AFB, Ga. as a fire protection superintendent. Also, he is a graduate student at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, majoring in Public Administration.

As a Reservist recalled after 9-11, Landolfi uses the VA's Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP Chapter 1607) to assist with his college tuition.

REAP provides educational



assistance to members of the Reserve Components who are called or ordered to active service in response to a war or national emergency (contingency operation). Approved training under REAP includes graduate and undergraduate degrees; vocational, technical, on-the-job, and correspondence training; flight training; and licensing and

certification test reimbursement

"If REAP were not available, the decision to return to school would have been a lot more difficult," Landolfi said. "REAP has not only benefited myself, but my military unit and civilian employer, as well."

Landolfi credits his college education with enhancing his civilian occupation. "As a firefighter, the education experience has enabled me to be a better leader within the organization."

He believes the education journey not only "reaps" the reward of knowledge gained in the classroom, but also the discipline and determination that are garnered along the way.

For more information about REAP, visit http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH1607/REAP_FAQ.htm.

May 2008 DANTES Regional Workshop

DANTES periodically conducts workshops in various regions around the United States to provide information and updates about the DANTES programs. The workshops are targeted to Education Service Officers (ESOs), Counselors, and others who represent the military voluntary education community, along with representatives from colleges who provide degree programs to our Service members. The focus of the workshop is to promote a better understanding and utilization of the voluntary education programs managed by DANTES. (Note: This is not a TCO Workshop.)

Target audience: Anyone needing detailed knowledge of all DANTES programs. New counselors find this workshop especially beneficial.

Topics include: Exams, Credentialing, Higher Education Programs, Counselor Support, Distance Learning, Troops and Spouses to Teachers, American Council on Education Update, Servicemembers



David L. Stone Army Education Center, Ft.. Lewis, Wash.

Opportunity Colleges Update, DISCOVER, Myers Briggs Type Indicator Training, etc.

When: 13-15 May 2008, beginning at 0830

Where: Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Information: Check out DANTES Web site for further details at: http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Dantes_web/training/regwkshps.htm.

How to fund your education: grants, loans, financial aid

Whatever type of school beyond high school you attend – whether it's university, trade school, or community college – you have to be thinking about how you're going to pay for it. The cost of education continues to rise. But if you're determined to achieve the success that education beyond high school can bring, the investment is worth it. But that doesn't mean managing these costs isn't a challenge.

The office of Federal Student Aid can help. They assist more than 10 million students each year with grants, low-interest loans, and work-study programs. The financial aid they provide is the largest source of postsecondary financial aid in the nation, making up about 70 percent of all aid granted nationwide.

The *Funding Your Education Beyond High School: The Guide to Federal Student Aid* (Stock #2405) booklet steers you step by step through

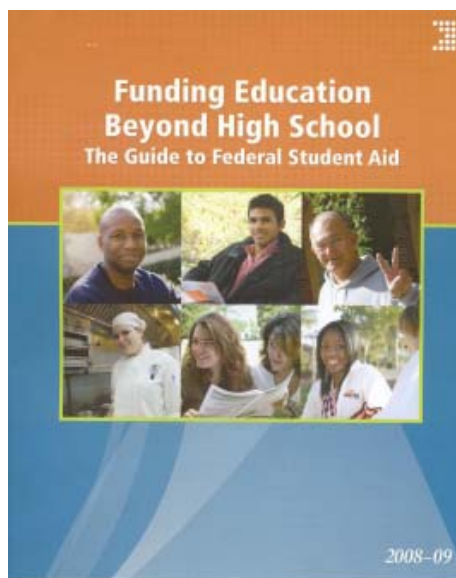
the process of applying for and receiving aid and repaying student loans. There is information about federal Pell Grants, work study programs, Stafford loans, PLUS loans, and more. You may qualify for more financial aid than you think.

To order this publication, contact the DANTES Distribution Center at dist@voled.doded.mil with your DANTES ID # and the stock number you want to order. Order limits on this booklet are 500 per year.

The booklet is also available online for downloading at http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html.

For more information about this publication and other voluntary education publications, contact the DANTES Manager Reference

Resources at refpubs@navy.mil or call (850) 452-1111 ext. 3135 or DSN 922-1111 ext. 3135.



Selbe, Wright receive CCME award for injured vet program

Jim Selbe, Director of Program Evaluations for the American Council on Education (ACE), is one of two recipients of the 2008 President's Award from the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) for his work to develop an innovative program aimed at helping severely injured veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan pursue their dreams of a college education.

Selbe, along with co-awardee Jim Wright, president of Dartmouth College, was recognized Feb. 21 at CCME's 2008 conference in San Francisco for his work on the *Severely Injured Military Veterans: Fulfilling Their Dreams* program.

Formally launched in April 2007,

the program offers academic advising to injured veterans and their families to assist them in identifying educational resources and programs that will help them achieve their goals, suggesting strategies to help them be successful students,



Jim Selbe (left) receives the CCME President's Award from Jeff Cropsey, DANTES Director.

and avoiding possible pitfalls, such as diploma and accreditation mills. To date, nearly 250 injured veterans have participated in the program.

In accepting the award, Selbe acknowledged the commitment and dedication of the program's team members working in the hospitals: Heather Bernard at Walter Reed and Bethesda, Jeff Stevens at Brooke Army Hospital, and Teleia Tollison at Balboa hospital in San Diego.

The CCME President's Award is presented to an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to advance the cause of military education.

Counseling tips

What can I do with the rest of my life?

When a Service member comes to you wondering what to do with the rest of his/ her life, how do you help? When someone wants to begin to forge a future beyond the immediacy of today and plans for a way of life that can fulfill dreams of satisfying careers either within the military or outside, how do you facilitate this? Effective career counseling begins with assessing the Service members' interests and personality. How can we help them make valid choices unless the tools we use are valid?

Two world-renowned assessments – the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® (MBTI®) and the Strong Interest Inventory® instruments – provide time-tested and research-validated insight to help your Service members in their search for rich, fulfilling careers. The Strong is the

most widely used and respected career assessment in the world and for good reason. Compared to other career assessments, it has the largest normative sample across education, ethnic, and socio-economic data. It is used in college and university career centers to help students determine their college majors, and within corporations to help employees choose their future direction within the organization.

The next time a Service member wants to take technical, college, or university courses, offer them the best opportunity they may ever have to discover their interests, confidence levels, and personality preferences. Offer them the assessments best suited for the purpose: Strong Interest Inventory



and MBTI assessments.

For more information, contact DANTES Counselor Support at counseling@navy.mil. You can also find more information in the DANTES Guidance Materials Handbook: http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/deph/part4/DEPH_Part_IV_Guidance_Material.pdf or go to the DANTES home page at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil> to order products.

Scholarships for military children offered by Homefront America

This May, with the generosity of the Sara's Hope Foundation, Homefront America, Inc., will award 25 \$1,000 college scholarships to benefit military dependent children. In its third year, *The American Patriot Freedom Scholarship* program, funded by Sara's Hope, will have awarded \$70,000 in college scholarships to military dependent children.

The program is offered to military dependent children of active duty, retirees, and disabled, or fallen Service members. This includes activated or deployed Guardsmen



and Reservists. The scholarships are awarded based solely upon essays submitted on one of four pre-approved topics. Essays are judged on their originality, length, relationship to topic, and grammar and spelling. Scholarship applications, past essays and testimonials from

former awardees, can be viewed at: <http://www.homefrontamerica.org>.

Homefront America, based in San Juan Capistrano, Calif., is a 100 percent all volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit military outreach and support

organization dedicated to supporting troops and their families with meaningful assistance in their time of need.

Sara's Hope – It's a Wonderful World Charitable Foundation (<http://www.saras-hope.com>), located in Victorville, Calif., is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that offers annual scholarships to high school students performing random acts of kindness.

All applications must be postmarked by **April 25, 2008**. Applications, program guidelines, and instructions are available online at: <http://www.homefrontamerica.org>.

ASE non-refundable registration fee – new policy



The National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence (NIASE) recently standardized their non-refundable

registration fee policy. This change, which the civilian ASE examinees have adhered to for years, now passes on as a requirement for military personnel testing through base education centers.

DANTES recommends that TCOs highlight this change with prospective ASE candidates prior to their registering and submitting payment. Checks, money orders, or credit card payments are cashed upon receipt. It

costs ASE/ACT to send test booklets and all other materials out to base education centers in a timely manner.

Military examinees who are “No Shows” for their ASE examinations forfeit the registration fee and examinations fees, unless they provide a written explanation (duty, deployment, or emergency), that is acceptable to ASE/ACT DANTES. Send written explanation to ASE/ACT DANTES, P.O. Box 4007, Iowa City, IA, 52243.

Also send a copy of the written explanation to DANTES, Code 20F, 6490 Sauflay Field Road, Pensacola, FL 32509-5243 or certprog@navy.mil. If you have a question regarding this policy change, call 850-452-1111 ext. 3213.

Education fast facts



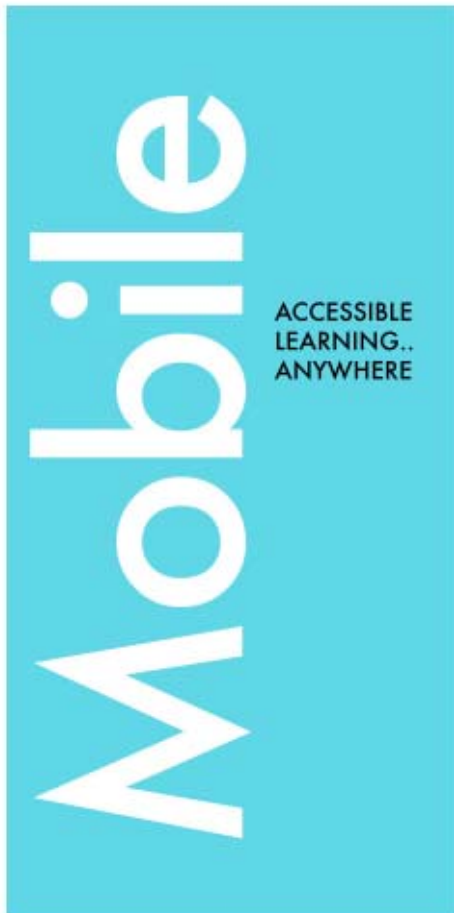
In 2005, reasons for participating in adult education:
55% - new job with different employer
45% - raise/promotion
 -National Center for Education Statistics



Women are projected to make up 60 percent of undergraduate enrollment in 2016.
 -National Center for Education Statistics

FCCJ and GoArmyEd: Mobile learning partnership

Distance Learning (DL) is rapidly evolving to meet the needs of more disbursed and increasingly mobile populations. Consequently,



colleges and developers are working hard to modify and develop completely new programs that attempt to meet these emerging needs. One of these colleges that has historically been committed to meeting the challenging and specific needs of military students and their families is Florida Community College (FCCJ), located in Jacksonville, Fla.

The partnership between FCCJ and GoArmyEd has yielded significant progress to increase access to quality college educational

opportunities for deployed military personnel. The year-long course development project resulted in innovative outcomes and creative solutions allowing Service members to pursue their college degrees regardless of location, schedule or context.

With an online program in its 10th year, that currently serves over 8,000 online learners including a significant number of currently serving military students and families, it is one of the largest and most successful DL programs in the Southeast. Emerging from this tradition has been the college's new mobile learning courses that were designed in 2007-2008 for a combat-deployed Army student population.

Because of challenging schedules and erratic access to Internet

student population's needs and designed college courses with the same academic rigor as traditional courses, but that did not require the need for constant Internet connectivity. Working closely with expert faculty, instructional designers, and media developers, FCCJ's Military Education Institute Instructional Development Department built a mobile distance design that met these challenges.

The resulting mobile courses are extremely interactive and rich with instructional media and learning activities: English Composition I, Criminal Justice, Earth Space Science, College Algebra, Microcomputer Applications, and Spanish I.

The next step is to begin fielding these courses for military populations that are in need of a distance



connectivity, combat-deployed Army students were less able to access distance courses in the traditional online format. To address this, FCCJ analyzed this

learning solution that does not require constant Internet connectivity.

To learn more, call (904) 646-2300, or e-mail info@fccj.edu.

DANTES External Degree Catalog news

New schools affiliated with DANTES:

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College

2740 West Mason Street

Green Bay, WI 54307-9042

920-498-5444

Toll Free: 800-422-NWTC

Fax: 920-468-6882

E-mail: moreinfo@nwtc.edu

Internet: <http://www.nwtc.edu>

Associate Degree

Leadership Development

Early Childhood Education

Instructional Assistant

General Education Certificate

Maritime Certificate

New Jersey City University offers new Master of Science degree in Professional Security Studies

New Jersey City University (NJCU) offers a new On-line External Degree Program. The Master of Science degree in Professional Security Studies focuses on an interdisciplinary set of topics in the area of Security. The degree is designed to provide broad coverage of the major aspects of National, Corporate and Cyber Security, including: threats, intelligence, terrorism, organization and design, interagency cooperation and effective management practices. It provides a rigorous exploration of the research methods and critical issues affecting public health and safety, crisis management and planning, threat assessment and intelligence, strategic planning and design. Depending on the students' interests, they will have the opportunity to explore issues in a diverse program including crisis management and response, national security, international and domestic terrorism, security management, information security, methods of intelligence and research methodology. For more information contact John Collins, graduate coordinator, (201) 200-3179, toll free (877) 652-8472, e-mail jcollins2@njcu.edu or visit the DANTES Web site at: <http://www.dantescatalogs.com/DEDC/DEDC.asp?RecID=785>.

Program objectives:

NJCU Envision:

- equipping students with a comprehensive understanding of less commonly taught national, corporate and cyber security theories and practice, enabling them to remain integrally involved in local, national and global issues;
- building a critical base of future leaders both in government and private service, who have the ability to cultivate positive interactions and relationships by working with experts both nationally and internationally;

- developing professionals with more than the traditional knowledge of law enforcement and security, who can use this ability to help their organizations make sound decisions on dealing with national, corporate, and cyber security issues and policy;
- preparing students with the capacity to operate on a supervisory level within the security, law enforcement and business environment;
- developing strong relationships between the private and public security sectors to address issues common to both;
- providing students the opportunity to obtain applied experience in the security field, preparing them to become effective practitioners; and
- enhancing institutional capacity and increase the number of NJCU faculty who can educate citizens toward achieving these goals.

Program description:

Program Requirements (36 Credits) - All programs include the core requirements and specialization credits. For students that chose the thesis and specialized field project option, six additional elective credits (two courses) must be taken. For students that chose the comprehensive exam, twelve additional elective credits (four courses) must be taken.

Core Courses (15 Credits):

SECU 600- National Security (3 CH - credit hours)

SECU 605- Corporate Security (3 CH)

SECU-610- Cyber Security (3 CH)

SECU 615- Research Methods I (3 CH)

SECU 620- Research Methods II (3 CH)

Pre-requisite: SECU 615- Research Methods I

Specialization (9 Credits):

Must take 9 credits of electives within chosen specialization.

Students have opportunity to specialize in their area of study:

National Security:

SECU 625- Counterintelligence (3 CH)

SECU 630- Domestic Terrorism and Extremist Groups (3 CH)

SECU 635- Contemporary Counterterrorism (3 CH)

Corporate Security:

SECU 640- Critical Incident Command and Response (3 CH)

SECU 645- Corporate Threat Definition and Vulnerability Analysis (3 CH)

SECU 650- Organizational Crisis Management (3 CH)

Pre-requisite: SECU 605- Critical Incident Command/Response

Cyber Security:

SECU 655- Topics in Computer Security (3 CH)

SECU 660- Security and Privacy of Information & Information Systems (3 CH)

SECU 665- Information Security Strategy and Policy Development (3 CH)

How to choose a college major

Too many people make important career and learning decisions with too little information. *The Quick Guide to College Majors and Careers* (DANTES Stock #2438) can help. It provides essential information for identifying college majors that are most likely to match your interests, skills, and career preferences.

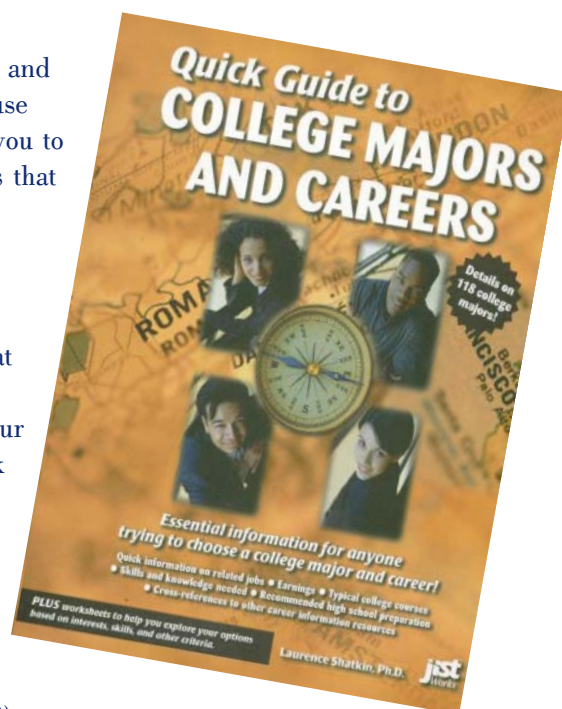
Each college major listed includes a brief review of the careers this major leads to; a list of the most closely related jobs and their earnings and projected growth; a list of typical college courses for the major; and essential knowledge and skills needed for success in careers related to the major.

Four worksheets help you explore options based on your interests,

skills, favorite school subjects, and work-related values. You can use one or more of these to guide you to the career and learning options that are most likely to match your criteria.

This publication may be ordered by e-mailing the DANTES Distribution Center at dist@voled.doded.mil. Your e-mail order should include your DANTES ID number, the stock number requested, your address, and quantity of material.

For more information, contact DANTES Manager Reference Resources at refpubs@navy.mil or CML (850) 452-1111 ext. 3135 or DSN 922-1111 ext. 3135.



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